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Patent Application

Inventor(s) : Christophe Lorin
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Title : METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY ADAPTING LEVELS OF
 SIGNALS EXCHANGED IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK
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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION dated December 7, 2007

Mail Stop Petition
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Sir:

Applicant submits the following statement as requested per the Decision on Petition
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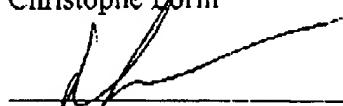
Statement regarding unintentional abandonment under 37 CFR 1.137(b):

I was group manager of the department during prosecution of the application and can attest that the delay between the November 16, 2005 Decision on Petition and the August 2, 2007 Petition for Revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The attorney maintaining the docket for this application left the corporation in February 2007, and the application status was not discovered until a full review of the docket was performed in July of 2007 upon the hiring of a replacement attorney. At which time, a Petition for Revival was promptly drafted and submitted on August 2, 2007.

The original discrepancy that prevented the application from issuing was an incorrect dependency. This minor issue could have been resolved by correcting a single claim dependency number. In the normal course of business, the application would have been quickly and promptly corrected had the docket been consistently maintained by the same attorney.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the December 7, 2007 Decision and that the August 2, 2007 Petition to Revive be granted and the outstanding Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. Please charge any fees associated with the Petition to Deposit Account 07-0832. If there are any further questions regarding this Application, please contact the undersigned at 609-734-6820.

Respectfully submitted,
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